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SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT

1. COLUMNIST EUGENIO GUDIN WRITES IN CONSERVATIVE DIARIO DE SAO PAULO ABOUT PRESIDENT NIXON' S NOMINATION FOR THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE:

"... IT IS SAD TO SEE THAT IN A COUNTRY SUCH AS THE U. S. A PRESIDENT WHO PROVED SO COURAGEOUS AND CAPABLE IN CARRYING OUT HIS DUTIES IS SUBJECT TO VIOLENT ATTACKS AND UNFAIR CRITICISM BE LEADING PAPERS AND PROMINENT CITIZENS. ... NIXON FACED THE DIFFICULT TASK OF OBTAINING A PEACE WITH HONOR IN VIETNAM AND OF SHIFTING HIS COUNTRY' S FOREIGN POLICY FROM THE TRUMAN DOCTRINE INTO A NEW POLICY THAT COMBINES DIPLOMACY AND MILITARY POWER -- A POLICY HAVING PEACE AS ITS GOAL, ABOVE LL OTHERS. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT UNDENIABLY CARRIED OUT HIS TASK WITH GREAT ABILITY, INTELLIGENCE, AND COURAGE." (MARCH 13).

2. THE ORGANIZATION OF PETROLEUM COUNTRIES' FORTHCOMING MEETING IN VIENNA PROMINENTLY REPORTED IN CONSERVATIVE JORNAL DO COMMERCIO (RIO). PAPER' S FRONT- PAGE ARTICLE HEADLINED " THE PETROLEUM WAS IS PREJUDICIAL TO BRAZIL" SAYS THAT " ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY VENEZUELA AND BY THE ARAB NATIONS REPRESENTED AT THE OPEC,
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COST OF THE PRODUCT WILL BE INCREASED BY ABOUT 7.5 PERCENT IN THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. ... FOR BRAZIL, WHICH IMPORTS TWO- THIRDS OF ITS OIL, THIS INCREASE MAY SERIOUSLY AFFECT ITS TRADE BALANCE. ..." INSIDE NEWS STORY, HEADLINED " OPEC WILL INCREASE OIL PRICES: IS THIS WAR?" SAYS: " THERE ARE STRONG INDICATIONS THAT AT THE MEETING TO COMPENSATE FOR THE DOLLAR DEVALUATION. THE OPEC WILL DEFY THE UNITED STATES AND TAKE PART IN THE WAR AGAINST THE DOLLAR. ..." (MARCH 14).

3. PROMINENT MEDIA COVERAGE GIVEN MEETING OF BRAZILIAN FONMIN GIBSON BARBOZA WITH U. N. SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM. SAMPLE COVERAGE: INDEPENDENT JORNAL DE BRASILIA FRONT- PAGE STORY, HEADLINED " GIBSON REITERATES CRITICISM TO U. N. POSITION REGARDING TERRORISM," REPORTS THAT THE FONMIN EXPRESSED BRAZIL' S DISSATISFACTION WITH MOST RECENT UNGA DISCUSSIONS ON TERRORISM. PAPER' S INSIDE REPORT HEADLINED " GIBSON URGES THAT U. N. TAKE FIRMER ACTION," QUOTES THE MINISTER' S WORDS TO WALDHEIM: "... I REAFFIRM THAT BRAZIL' S VIEWPOINT (ON TERRORISM) IS THAT IF THE WORLD AT LARGE DOES NOT HAVE THE COURAGE TO UNITE AND ORGANIZE TO ELIMINATE THIS ILLNESS OF OUR SOCIETY, THE DISEASE INEVITABLY WILL CONTINUE TO EXPAND. ..." (MARCH 14). TUCH

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